

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1) On page 14, please ~~delete~~ lines 12-17 and kindly replace the deleted paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

Figures 1A-J show schematically illustrated macromers of the present invention where _____ is a water-soluble core such as PEG; ~~~~~ is a hydrolyzably degradable extension such as a polyglycolide; ===== is a polymerizable end cap or side chain such as an acrylate; and ----- is a water-soluble and hydrolyzable portion such as a hyaluronate.

2) On page 15, please ~~delete~~ lines 17-22 and kindly replace the deleted paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 8 is a graph of the number of cells versus gel composition, for the unattached cells obtained from lavage of the peritoneal cavity in mice with different PEO overcoat gel compositions: a - 18.5k; b - 10% 0.5k, 90% 18.5k; c - 50% 18.5k, 50% 0.4k; d - 10% 0.4k, 90% 35k; e - 50% 0.4k, 50% 35k; and f - alginate-poly (L-lysine) control.

REMARKS

Substitute Drawings

The Notice indicates that in the drawings, more than one figure is present and each figure is not numbered with an Arabic numeral followed by a capital letter. Applicants hereby submit formal drawings that include Figures 1A-J, individually labeled for each of the ten (10) figures in